

Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)
Summary Minutes of the Business Meeting
Best Western Hotel
Frankfort, Kentucky
March 19-20, 2001

Members Present:

Doris Barlow
Eugene Binion
Karon Click
Lydia Coffey
Virgil Covington, Jr.
Joseph Early
Joy Gray
Arthur Green
Kristin Gregory
Starr Lewis for Gene Wilhoit
Terry Poindexter
Penny Robinson
Jack Rose
Beverly Tomlin
Charles Wade
Mark Wasicsko

Members Absent:

Lynn Hines

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Joe Early called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Amendment to Agenda

Motion made by Dr. Jack Rose, seconded by Ms. Kristin Gregory to amend the meeting agenda to include a waiver request from Mr. Larry S. Salyer, Elliott County Schools, on behalf of Mr. Lonnie Laney.

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Eugene Binion, seconded by Ms. Karon Click to approve the minutes of the January 22-23, 2001 EPSB meeting with the following revisions: under Full Board Information Items, Sylvan Learning Systems, the last sentence should read, "Any future program proposal requires board approval and is contingent on support from a local school district, with faculty for the program to be chosen primarily from that district."

Vote: Unanimous

Open Speak

Ms. Rita Greer, representing Dr. Steve Daeschner, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools, read into the record a letter from Dr. Daeschner regarding 704 KAR 20:760, Local Educator Assignment Data.

Report of the Executive Director

Ms. Nadine Cox, graduate account manager for the board, was introduced.

Dr. Michael Gardone, whose term on the Accreditation Audit Committee expired, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work as chair.

Dr. Verna Lowe, Asbury College, and Dr. Karen Adams, Western Kentucky University, were recognized for being selected as officers with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners training will be May 16-18, 2001 at the Campbell House in Lexington.

Education Secretary Marlene Helm invited representation of the EPSB to the Kentucky Literacy Partnership meeting on June 12 in Louisville. Ms. Doris Barlow, Ms. Joy Gray, and Ms. Beverly Tomlin volunteered to represent the board.

Pursuant to SB 77, a committee of Ms. Lydia Coffey, Mr. Arthur Green, and Ms. Kristen Gregory were appointed to review and recommend to the board which institutions had met the requirements for Council on Postsecondary Education trust fund initiatives in teacher preparation and model educator preparation programs.

Among other items reviewed were the following:

- (a) Schedule for KTIP Regional Meetings
- (b) Letter to Kentucky Department of Education regarding the Enterprise Database
- (c) Emergency Non-Certified Personnel Program, Second Quarter (October 1 – December 21, 2000) Report
- (d) News article on the Continuing Education Option
- (e) Letter from Rhonda W. Hale thanking the EPSB for recognizing National Board for Professional Teaching Standards recipients
- (f) NCATE's revised *Professional Standards for the Accreditation of Schools, Colleges, and Departments of Education*
- (g) EPSB Goals and 2000-02 Initiatives, Status Report, 7/1/00-2/28/01

Report of the Board Chair

Dr. Early announced the following committee appointments:

Continuous Assessment Committee

Dr. James Pirkle, Campbellsville University; Dr. Russ Wall, Murray State University; and Dr. Charles Wade, Council on Postsecondary Education

Accreditation Audit Committee

Ms. Karen Jones, PTA Past President; Dr. Bernie Sandfoss, Northern Kentucky Cooperative, Chair

Dr. Early announced that the 2001 General Assembly, via HB 78, confirmed the 2000 Executive Order establishing the EPSB as an independent agency. The legislation stipulates that future appointments to the EPSB must be confirmed by the legislature.

Full Board Information Items

Kentucky Department of Education Proposal to Establish an Alternative Route to Principal/Supervisor of Instruction Certification

Dr. Tom Peterson, Ms. Pat Hurt, and Ms. Rose Marie Gold, representing the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), presented a draft program proposal to enable Highly Skilled Educators assigned in Kentucky to earn certification for principal and/or supervisor of instruction following completion of the defined training and practical application of learning within those schools. KDE will present a formal program proposal at the May 2001 EPSB meeting.

Motion made by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Barlow to endorse the continuation of KDE's work toward this alternative route program.

Vote: Unanimous

Report of the Kentucky Standard Setting and Validation Study of the PRAXIS Principles of Learning and Teaching tests (K-6, 5-9, and 7-12) and the Earth Science Test

The board discussed the assessments produced by Educational Testing Services (ETS) for Principles of Learning and Teaching, Grades K-6 (0522), Grades 5-9 (0523), and Grades 7-12 (0524), and Earth Science: Content Knowledge (0571). ETS convened panels to review each of these assessments, and all were found to be acceptable within EPSB standards.

Motion made by Dr. Mark Wasicsko, seconded by Ms. Terry Poindexter to ask staff to prepare action items on the Principles of Learning and Teaching and on the Earth Science tests for the May 2001 meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

With the increasing number of assessments required of candidates for certification, the board discussed the possibility of requesting financial support from the General Assembly during its next session.

State Report Card and Definition of "Low Performing" Institutions

The board reviewed a draft of the Kentucky Educator Preparation Program (KEPP) Report Card, which also had been reviewed by members of the Prichard Committee, the Partnership for Kentucky Schools, Title II coordinators, chairs/deans, and the Continuous Assessment Committee for review and input. As part of the Title II requirement, all states must define by October 2001 what are "low performing" institutions and institutions "at risk of becoming low performing."

Motion made by Ms. Click, seconded by Mr. Eugene Binion to ask staff to prepare an action item for the May 2001 meeting on the KEPP and a definition of “low performing” and “at risk of low performing.”

Full Board Action Items

Professional Conduct: Policy and Procedure

The board reviewed the draft *Professional Conduct: Policy and Procedure*.

Motion made by Dr. Wasicsko to table.

Vote: 12 Yes
2 No (*Dr. Rose and Ms. Click*)

Staff will incorporate language changes as suggested by the board and bring the policy back for action at the May 2001 meeting.

Assessment and Licensure Committee

Action Items

704 KAR 20:165, Qualifications for professional school positions

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:165, Qualifications for professional school positions.

Vote: Unanimous

704 KAR 20:760, District educator assignment data, Notice of Intent

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:760, District educator assignment data, Notice of Intent, with modifications to address concern of Dr. Stephen Daeschner, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools, as read into the record during Open Speak.

Vote: Unanimous

704 KAR 20:012, Repeal, Final Approval

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:012, Repeal, Final Approval.

Vote: Unanimous

704 KAR 20:060, Certification renewals, Notice of Intent

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:060, Certification renewals, Notice of Intent.

Vote: Unanimous

704 KAR 20:300, Adjunct instructor, Final Approval

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:300, Adjunct instructor, Final Approval with the following modifications:

Page 2, line 7 should read, “instructor in an elementary or early childhood education program shall hold:”

Page 2, line 20 should read, “(c) An adjunct instructor for career and technical education shall:”

Vote: Unanimous

704 KAR 20:750, National Board mentoring program, Notice of Intent

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:750, National Board mentoring program, Notice of Intent.

Vote: Unanimous

Exceptional Children Program Assignment Waivers

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve the teaching assignment waivers as recommended by the Division of Exceptional Children Services and the Division of Certification, and to afford staff ongoing authority to grant temporary approval of these assignment waivers until such time as the board meets and gives final approval.

Vote: Unanimous

Waiver Requests

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to deny the request of Ms. Karen A. Elswick to waive 704 KAR 20:706, 2.5 GPA requirement for certification.

Vote: Unanimous

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve the request of Ms. Jenny Jackson Wrightington to waive 704 KAR 20:060, certification renewal requirements.

Vote: Unanimous

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to deny the request of Mr. Leon Smith, Instructional Supervisor, Washington County Schools, on behalf of Mr. Johnny Warren to waive 704 KAR 20:120, renewal of emergency certification.

Vote: Unanimous

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to deny the request of Mr. Larry S. Salyer, Principal, Elliott County High School, on behalf of Mr. Lonnie Laney to waive 704 KAR 20:470, requirement that employment as an assistant principal be full-time in order to count for the internship.

Vote: 13 Yes
1 Recuse (Mr. Eugene Binion)

Applications for Alternative Route to Certification Based on Exceptional Work Experience

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve the application for provisional teaching certification in biological science, grades 9-12, for Mr. Ben Wright.

Vote: Unanimous

On behalf of the Assessment & Licensure Committee, motion made to approve the application for provisional teaching certification in art, grades 9-12, for Ms. Sharon Gay Haden.

Vote: Unanimous

Program and Technical Assistance Committee

Action Items

704 KAR 20:690, Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, Final Approval

On behalf of the Program and Technical Assistance Committee, motion made to approve 704 KAR 20:690, Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, Final Approval

Vote: Unanimous

Mid-Continent College Status Report

Following lengthy discussion between board members and representatives of Mid-Continent College (MCC), the board took no action, but requested that staff send to all board members a compilation of all correspondence between MCC and the EPSB, together with a summary of all concerns regarding the program and the status of each concern to date.

Georgetown College: Accreditation of the Teacher Education Unit and Approval of Programs

On behalf of the Program and Technical Assistance Committee, motion made to accept the Accreditation Audit Committee's recommendation to approve the initial and advanced level teacher education programs and grant Continuing Accreditation to Georgetown College.

Vote: Unanimous (Dr. Wade abstained)

Kentucky State University: Accreditation of the Teacher Education Unit and Approval of Programs

On behalf of the Program and Technical Assistance Committee, motion made to accept the Accreditation Audit Committee's recommendation to approve the initial level teacher education programs and grant Initial Accreditation to Kentucky State University. Retained are: 1) Standard II.C as a weakness identified in the Board of Examiner's (BOE) Report although it was removed by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); and 2) Standard III.C as "Not Met" as indicated in the BOE Report even though NCATE changed the standard from "Not Met" to "Met With Weakness."

Vote: Unanimous (Dr. Charles Wade abstained)

As part of its discussion and decision, the EPSB requested that Kentucky State University (KSU) submit a report in October 2001 and October 2002 addressing the unit's resources, current and projected. This report should be submitted along with the annual report to the Division of Educator Preparation and Internship. Additionally, board members voiced their deep concern about KSU's low pass rate on the PRAXIS exams, and requested that the institution address in both the 2001 and 2002 annual report how this situation is being/has been corrected.

Program Approval

On behalf of the Program and Technical Assistance Committee, motions made to approve teacher preparation program additions for the following institutions:

- ◆ *Northern Kentucky University – Master of Arts in Teaching and Alternative Route to Master of Arts in Teaching*
- ◆ *Western Kentucky University – Alternative Route to Principal Certification*

Vote: Unanimous (Dr. Wade abstained)

The meeting recessed at 4:10 PM.

**DISCIPLINARY MATTERS
EPSB MINUTES OF CASE REVIEW
MARCH 20, 2001**

Chairperson Dr. Joe Early reconvened the meeting at 8:30AM.

Board members discussed a letter from Mr. Monte Chance, Superintendent, Franklin County Schools, requesting more severe action by the EPSB against teachers who breach their contract. Mr. Binion agreed to discuss the issue with superintendents at the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents Conference in June 2001 and report back to the board. The board directed the Executive Director to write back to Mr. Chance, thanking him for his letter.

Motion made by Ms. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Gray to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing proposed or pending litigation in accordance with KRS 61.801(1)(c)&(j).

Vote: Unanimous

Motion made by Ms. Coffey, seconded by Mr. Green to return to open session.

Vote: Unanimous

The following board members concurred with the actions as listed below with the noted exceptions:

Joe Early, Doris Barlow, Eugene Binion, Karon Click, Lydia Coffey, Virgil Covington, Jr., Joy Gray, Arthur Green, Kristin Gregory, Terry Poindexter, Penny Robinson, Jack Rose, Beverly Tomlin, Charles Wade and Mark Wasicsko.

Attorneys present were Allison Weber, Nancy Evans, and Cheryl LaLonde-Mooney.

Initial Case Review

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Decision</u>
00-10211	Hear
00-10218	Hear
00-12259	Hear
00-11261	Hear
00-10244	Hear
00-12258	Hear
00-11251	Hear
00-11243	Hear
00-11242	Hear
01-0105	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent
01-0106	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent
00-11252	Hear
00-11250	Hear
00-11236	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent
00-11237	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent

00-11238	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent
00-12271	Hear
00-10213	Admonish with letter to Superintendent
00-12269	Admonish
00-12268	Dismiss
01-0102	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent
01-0110	Hear
00-12270	Hear
01-0101	Hear
00-12263	Admonish (<i>Covington, Gray, Green, Gregory, and Poindexter dissented</i>)
00-11244	Hear
00-11239	Hear
00-11247	Hear
00-11249	Hear
00-12262	Hear (<i>Green recused</i>)
01-0109	Hear
01-0112	Hear
00-06115	Hear (<i>Gregory and Wade dissented</i>)
00-11248	Hear
01-0104	Hear
00-12260	Hear
00-12267	Dismiss with letter to Superintendent (<i>Click dissented</i>)
01-0103	Hear
01-0111	Hear
01-0214	Hear
01-0217	Hear

Character/Fitness Review

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Decision</u>
01-009	Approve
01-011	Approve
01-012	Deny
01-014	Approve
01-016	Approve
01-017	Approve
01-015	Approve
01-013	Approve
01-019	Approve
97-07153	Approve
01-020	Approve
01-021	Approve
01-023	Approve
01-024	Approve
01-025	Approve
01-018	Approve
01-010	Approve

01-022 & 01-008	Approve
01-028	Approve
01-032	Approve

Agreed Orders

Case Number

Decision

98-0984 (Jack Johnson)	Reject proposed Agreed Order suspending respondent's standard high school certificate for one year from 1 August 2000 to 1 August 2001
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Vote: Unanimous (*Poindexter recused*)

00-0357 (Eric Wolford)	Reject proposed Agreed Order whereby respondent would not seek reissuance of his teaching certificate before 1 June 2002
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Vote: Unanimous

99-04102 (Carol Knupp)	Accept Agreed Order admonishing respondent's inappropriate classroom behavior
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Vote: Unanimous

98-0989 (Edward Smith)	Accept Agreed Order whereby respondent will not seek to renew his professional certificate for instructional leadership, secondary school principal, grades 9-12, for a period of three years from 20 March 2001.
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Vote: Unanimous (*Robinson recused*)

99-12335 (James T. Wright)	Accept Agreed Order admonishing respondent for submitting false information on his certificate application and rendering him ineligible for provisional certificate renewal until after 1 May 2001.
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Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 2:10PM.

Next meeting:	May 14-15, 2001 Best Western Motel Frankfort, Kentucky
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Executive Work Group:	April 21, 2001 Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities Frankfort, Kentucky
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